From the Principal’s desk

School Plan
Our 2015-2017 school plan has been published to our website; School Plan. The three strategic directions we have adopted are: Engaged Students, Expert Teachers & Quality Relationships. Our vision statement was written following consultation with teachers, parents and children. It reads:

_Balgowlah North Public School is committed to ensuring all children achieve their potential. Our students will be creative, independent thinkers who take responsibility for their own learning. High expectations and quality relationships underpin all aspects of teaching and learning. Teachers and parents work in partnership to develop confident, respectful and responsible citizens with a lifelong love of learning._

Thanks to the parents, teachers and staff who provided input into our planning process. Our progress will be evaluated each year and measured against the School Excellence Framework.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast
I’d like to thank all involved for helping to put on such a terrific Mothers’ Day Breakfast last Friday. The new menu was well received and the collection of food and drinks was very efficient. The Concert Band performed beautifully as well. Thanks to Mrs Parsons and the teachers for their efforts to make it run so smoothly. I hope all of our Mums had a lovely day on Sunday.

NAPLAN Week
Good luck to our Year 3 and 5 boys and girls as they sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week. The children sat the ‘Language Conventions’ and ‘Writing’ papers yesterday and completed ‘Reading’ this morning. The ‘Mathematics’ paper will be taken tomorrow morning and Friday is dedicated as a catch up day for those who were unable to sit the tests on the designated days. I know our children will give it their best shot which is all we can ask of them. Please remember that the NAPLAN tests are a snapshot in time which gives us some useful external, whole-school data to analyse. These results are delivered to the school sometime in September. NAPLAN results are certainly not a comprehensive indicator of your child’s general ability, progress at school nor their commitment to learning. Your child’s teacher is best placed to give you information about your child’s progress at school. Feel free to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher should you wish to discuss any issues or concerns.

Social Media
I wrote last week about some of my concerns regarding primary school aged children and social media. I know many of you parents share these concerns. Leonie Smith, also known as the ‘Cyber Safety Lady’, will be presenting an information session which is open to all parents at Covenant Christian School on Tuesday 26th May from 7-9pm. These sessions are very informative and I would encourage parents to attend. The evening is FREE but bookings are essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au. I have also organised for the Youth Liaison officers from the Manly Local Area Command to come and speak with our Year 5 & 6 children in Term 3 about legal issues regarding CyberSafety.

Term Invoices
Our Term Two invoices have recently been sent home and I would like to thank you in advance for your prompt payment. If payment of these invoices is an issue, please make an appointment to speak with myself or Mrs Tofferi in the school office.

Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from our school office.

Owen Taylor
Principal
### Important Dates

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### Library News

We have a number of people who have already completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for this year. Well done to these students: Eddie Chapman, Zoe Dunn, Arabella Kuras, Hugo Minaca, William Olofinsky, Layla Corrent, Hayley Ludgate, Lucie Oliver, Cameron Dennison, Emily Devine, Owen Malley, Julia Minaca, Chloe Piper, Sophia Gudman, Liberti Lorefice, Ella Maryska, Molly Mitchell, Oscar Rayel and Elana Bott.

If you haven’t registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge there is still plenty of time as the challenge doesn’t finish until August. The PRC is a great way to encourage your children’s reading of quality books and then they are rewarded for this. Please come and see me if you are not sure how to register or having problems doing so.

**Debbie Horsley & Megan Rose**

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### PBL Focus

**Be Safe - Wear a Hat**

**PBL Matrix**

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### Musical Notes

#### Concert Band

Congratulations to the Concert Band who performed at the Mothers’ Day breakfast last Friday. A great effort and we look forward to many more performances throughout the year.

#### Band bags

The Band Committee have bought Band Bags for all the children to purchase at a cost of $20. The bags have the school logo on them in the school colours. They are very compact and allow the children to keep their music folders and band books altogether safely and tidily. If you would like to purchase the band bag please send $20 in cash, in a clearly marked envelope with name of student, class and “Band Bag” written on it, to the school office.

#### Concert, Intermediate and Junior Band and String Ensemble Annual Workshop

The annual Band & String Ensemble Workshop is this weekend in which every child from all three bands and the string ensemble will be attending. It’s a wonderful learning opportunity in a hugely fun environment for everyone. The children get the opportunity to work in very small tutorial groups, specialising in their instruments. The workshop culminates in a fabulous concert where the children showcase their talents and perform the pieces they have worked on over the weekend.

**Date:** Sat 16th and Sun 17th May  
**Where:** Balgowlah North Public School  
**Times:** Sat: 12.45 – 6.30pm       
            (Beginner ensemble 1.50-6.30pm)  
            Sun: 9.00 – 1pm.  
**Concert:** Sun 17th May 11.45am.  
**Cost and payment:** $120. For ways to pay and more information please see the band website, **BNPS Band**.  
**What to bring:** Instrument, music folder, music stand, water bottle, band uniform (with black socks and shoes) for Sunday’s performance.

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### Forthcoming events

- 16th & 17th May - Bands and String Ensemble Annual Workshop  
- 21st May – Intermediate Band performing at the K-6 assembly  
- 18th June - Disco  
- 25th June - Concert Band performing at the K-6 assembly  

**Jenny Mercer**  
**School Band Liaison**

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**Mothers’ Day Breakfast on a beautiful sunny morning**

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School Cross Country
Our school Cross Country Carnival last Wednesday was a great success. It was impressive to see the students trying their hardest as they worked their way around the course. Many thanks to all the staff and to the parents who volunteered their time to assist on the day. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing us at the Zone Carnival on Thursday 21st May. Ribbons for the first three place-getters were presented at the 3-6 Assembly on Thursday 7th May.

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Susie Stock and Kerry Kelly
Make a Difference (MAD)
Year 6 students are currently developing projects with the aim of making a difference to the lives of others. We are supporting a wide range of wonderful causes both large organisations and smaller community events. Over the next few weeks, we would like to share our ideas. We would love YOUR support as we embark on this exciting initiative.

‘Kindness is Catching’ is organising ‘winter care kits’ to help Sydney City’s homeless people feel a little more comfortable during this coming season.

Our group is supporting Balgowlah North P.S. parent Linda Pang by making and collecting Winter Care Kits. Linda has already spoken with our homeless community to find out what items we could collect to make their lives more comfortable. We will then help Linda package and distribute to people in need. There will be a box for donations on the front verandah (outside 5M). Thank you for your support.

Lucas Grange Y6
To support this cause you can either:
- make and donate a Winter Care Kit
- or provide us with small items (all readily available from local supermarkets)

A Care Kit comprises – a facewasher (new), small hand sanitiser, small packets of tissues, small box of band aids, travel shampoo and conditioner, travel toothpaste and toothbrush, a pair of socks (new) and a comb. All items should be placed into a large plastic zip lock bag.

We would also like donations of beanies, scarves and gloves.

If you would like to find out more about Kindness is Catching, please follow this link: https://www.facebook.com/icaughtkindness?fref=photo

A Note from Mrs Hunt
I would like to thank everyone who came to my farewell party on Friday night. Wow what a night to remember. I was truly amazed that so many people came. To all those who helped to make the night the success it was I say a big Thank You.

Also I would like to thank the parents who gave me gifts I feel very spoilt to receive gifts when I was doing a job I loved.

Can you please add if anyone has any photos they want to share with me they can email me gwenda.hunt@gmail.com

Best wishes to all at BNPS.
Love Gwen
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